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The Senate met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we come to You in our weakness and seek Your strength. Our knowledge is insufficient; we seek Your guidance. Our doubts assail us; we seek Your faith. Our fears taunt us; we seek Your courage. Our energy is often depleted; we seek Your power. Our emotions betray us; we seek Your discipline. Our temptations conquer us; we seek Your grace. Our burdens weaken us; we seek Your help. Our lives are often too empty; we seek Your joy.

Lord, give our lawmakers this day Your guidance, power, courage, faith, discipline, grace, help, and joy.

Lord, we ask, too, that You would comfort the King and Falwell families during their time of grief. We pray in Your comforting Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, May 16, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, a Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. CARDIN thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, this morning the Senate will immediately resume consideration of H.R. 1495. The debate will continue until 10:30 on the four pending Iraq-related amendments.

The debate time until 10:30 is equally divided and controlled between the two leaders, with the final 20 minutes shared by the two leaders. I will have the last 10 minutes of that 20-minute period.

There will be 2 minutes of debate prior to each vote. After the first vote, the remaining votes in sequence will be limited to 10 minutes. I hope Members would not leave the Chamber area during the votes as time for the votes will have to be strictly enforced. Since these amendments are first-degree amendments, except for the Feingold amendment, Members have until 9:30 this morning to file any germane second-degree amendments.

Once these Iraq-related amendments are disposed of, then the managers of the water resources legislation hope to shortly conclude the entire legislation. I hope that can be the case.

With the cooperation of the Senate last night, we have moved the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to the immigration legislation until Monday, May 21. This will allow negotiations to continue for a few more days.

I mentioned that a lot of work is needed to be done this week, including

the supplemental appropriations bill and the budget resolution. We have other things we are working on to get teed up for next week. We have so much to do, Mr. President.

Also, last night, with the cooperation of the Republican leader and the rest of the Senate, we forged a path for the consideration of these two items, these two items tomorrow, the budget and the WRDA matter. So I, again, thank the Members for their cooperation.

### ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that following my sitting down, Senator BIDEN have 4 minutes of our time; Senator BOXER, 3 minutes; Senator FEINGOLD, 3 minutes; Senator KENNEDY, 4 minutes; Senator LEAHY, 4 minutes; Senator LEVIN, 4 minutes; Senator MURRAY, 3 minutes; Senator REED, 3 minutes—that is REED of Rhode Island—Senator TESTER, 3 minutes; and Senator WHITEHOUSE, 3 minutes. We should have enough time to cover all that. If not, I will yield a minute or so of my time.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. I also ask that the quorum calls be equally divided.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

### WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2007

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1495, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

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